

B. Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-28. (canceled)

29. (currently amended) A powdered thermosetting composition comprising:

a) a carboxyl functional amorphous polyester having an acid number from 12 to 34 mg KOH/g, wherein the polyester is prepared from:

- i) a polyacid constituent comprising from 81 to 100% mole of isophthalic acid (IPA); and
- ii) a polyol constituent comprising from 15 to 65% mole of one or more linear chain aliphatic C₄-C₁₆ diol, and from 35 to 85% mole of neopentyl glycol (NPG);

and

b) a cross-linking agent comprising at least two β -hydroxyalkylamide groups, ~~with the proviso that wherein~~ said powdered thermosetting composition[[s]] does not contain semi-crystalline polyesters; ~~wherein the polyester is from 50 to 98 weight % of the total; and wherein the β -hydroxyalkylamide cross-linking agent is from 1 to 10 weight % of the total.~~

30. (previously presented) A powdered thermosetting composition according to claim 29, wherein the polyacid constituent optionally further comprises from 0 to 19% mole of a different aliphatic, cycloaliphatic, or aromatic polyacid chosen from: fumaric acid, maleic acid, phthalic acid, terephthalic acid (TPA), 1,4-cyclohexanedicarboxylic acid (1,4-CHDCA), 1,3-CHDCA, 1,2-CHDCA, succinic acid, adipic acid, glutaric acid, pimelic acid, suberic acid, azelaic acid, sebacic acid, 1,12-dodecanedioic acid, trimellitic acid, pyromellitic acid, and their corresponding anhydrides.

31. (previously presented) A powdered thermosetting composition according to claim 29, wherein the linear chain aliphatic C₄-C₁₆ diol is chosen from one or more of: 1,4-butanediol; 1,5-

pentanediol; 1,6-hexanediol; 1,7-heptanediol; 1,8-octanediol; 1,9-nonanediol; 1,10-decandiol; 1,12-dodecanediol; 1,14-tetradecanediol; 1,16-hexadecanediol; and mixtures thereof.

32. (previously presented) A powdered thermosetting composition according to claim 29, wherein the polyol constituent optionally further comprises from 0 to 50% mole of a different linear chain aliphatic diol and/or cycloaliphatic diol chosen from: ethylene glycol; propylene glycol; 1,4-cyclohexanedimethanol; hydrogenated Bisphenol A; and mixtures thereof.

33. (previously presented) A powdered thermosetting composition according to claim 32, wherein the polyol constituent optionally further comprises from 0 to 5% mole of a polyol comprising three or more hydroxyl groups chosen from: trimethylolpropane (TMP); ditrimethylolpropane; pentaerythrytol; and mixtures thereof.

34. (previously presented) A powdered thermosetting composition according to claim 29 further comprising one or more compounds chosen from: flow control agents; degassing agents; UV light absorbers; light stabilizers; stabilizing agents; antioxidants; dyes; and pigments.

35. (previously presented) A powdered thermosetting composition according to claim 29, wherein the polyester exhibits:

a) a number averaged molecular weight (M_n) ranging from 2500 to 8600, as measured by gel permeation chromatography (GPC);

b) a glass transition temperature (T_g) from 40 to 80°C as measured by differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) according to ASTM D3418 with a heating gradient of 20°C per minute; and

c) an ICI (cone/plate) viscosity accordingly to ASTM D4287, measured at 200°C ranging from 5 to 15000 mPa.s.

36. (previously presented) A powdered thermosetting composition according to claim 35, wherein the composition exhibits M_n from 3300 to 7500, and T_g from 56 to 70° C.

37. (previously presented) A powdered thermosetting composition according to claim 29, wherein

- a) the polyacid constituent of the polyester optionally further comprises
 - i) from 0 to 19% mole of terephthalic acid and/or 1,4-cyclohexanedicarboxylic acid;

and

- b) the polyol constituent of the polyester optionally further comprises
 - i) from 0 to 50% mole of ethylene glycol; and
 - ii) from 0 to 5% mole of trimethylolpropane.

38. (currently amended) A powdered thermosetting composition according to claim 29, wherein

- a) ~~the polyester is from 50 to 98 weight % of the total;~~
- b) ~~the β hydroxyalkylamide cross linking agent is from 1 to 10 weight % of the total;~~
- [[c]] the composition optionally further comprises: c) from 0 to 10 weight % of the total of one or more of UV light absorbers, stabilizers, flow control agents, and degassing agents; and
- d) ~~the composition optionally further comprises~~ from 0 to 49 weight % of one or more pigments and/or dyes.

39. (previously presented) A process for coating an article comprising:

- a) applying a powdered thermosetting composition according to claim 29 to the article via an electrostatic or friction charging gun, or via a fluidized bed, thereby forming a coating on the article; and
- b) heating the coated article at a temperature from 140 to 250° C.

40. (previously presented) A substrate entirely or partially coated by a powdered thermosetting composition according to claim 29.

41. (previously presented) A substrate entirely or partially coated by the process according to claim 39.

42. (canceled)

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